

Date | Time: February 6, 2008
Chair: Sean Ardussi
Recorder: Evan Brown
Location: Seattle City Hall, L204

Distribution:

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Ryan Dean
- Evan Brown
- Monica DeWald (SDOT)
- Sean Ardussi
- Debrah Kuznitz
- Rodney Rutherford
- Naomi Wilson
- John Beaulaurier
- Brian Lee
- Dongho Chang
- Jeff Frkonja
- Brian Dougherty

MEMBERS ABSENT

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OTHER GUESTS

- Michael Snyder
- Kathy Tuttle, Spokespeople
- Peter Lagerwey, SDOT
- Howard Wu, SPAB
- Barbara Hinkle, SDOT
- Eric Brusse
- Rob Fazio, SDOT
- Brian Sperry, SDOT

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Sean opens meeting at 6:05
- Kathy Tuttle: representing 'Spokespeople' group
 - Trial rides started 4 months ago
 - Educating people; competent cyclist leading new/reluctant bikers on trips between urban centers
 - Would like to recruit SBAB members to be group leaders
 - Officially beginning March 1
 - Board members suggest working with schools; Cascade/Bike to Work month; UW students
- Jeff Frkonja, new member
 - Works for PSRC
 - Interested in project implementation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Ryan Dean motions to approve, Naomi Wilson seconds
- Minutes approved

INFORMATION & NEWS

- Barbara Hinkle, SDOT, Thomas St Overpass
 - Working towards 30% design (est. March 1)
 - Link from Queen Ann to waterfront via Myrtle Edwards Park
 - Elevated structure crosses all lanes of Elliott Ave W, across BNSF tracks
 - Peter Lagerwey:
 - This project has local and regional significance
 - Regional:
 - Connects SLU/Dexter to Seattle Center via Mercer
 - New bike lanes on Roy provide further connection
 - Local:
 - A lot of building in Queen Anne has denied locals access to waterfront
 - This project will provide that access
 - SBAB has endorsed project in prior years
 - Focusing on removing barriers to bicycling
 - A similar project further North (near Amgen project) is similar, but isn't bike-friendly (only has steps and elevator)
 - Span provides safe crossing across roadway/BNSF into Myrtle Edwards and optionally to waterfront/downtown
 - Construction slated to begin Fall 2008, completion July 2009
 - Design Commission has provided feedback and suggestions
 - Rodney: concerned about pull-out space to allow cyclist to check for traffic before crossing street after exiting overpass
 - Peter: Road is lower volume, so cyclist stop-sign should function well to address this crossing
 - Jeff: Any thought to staircase to allow access to buildings on west side of Elliott Ave W?
 - Barbara: that is being addressed
 - Jeff: Recommends signage/way-finding along Elliott near Thomas
 - Peter: BMP will address signage, and this area is on list
 - Rodney: What is width of path (concerned about corners and speed)?
 - Barbara: 10ft, and most recent design is working on softening corners
 - Deborah: Is trail divided between bikes/peds?
 - Barbara: No, trail is multi-purpose
 - Rodney suggests center striping near corners
 - Peter: found that striping in general encourages higher speed, but center striping will be done in spot locations
 - Low-level lights: 3ft from ground, 10ft throw. Incorporated into hand rail (every 7-15 feet)
 - Cast light from hand-rail to path surface
 - Slope on approach from Thomas: 5%
 - Michael Snyder: What is route from overpass to Dexter?
 - Peter: currently, route is from Thomas to bike lanes on Mercer-Roy couplet

- Future: if Mercer/Roy become two lanes again, there could be bike lanes in both directions on Roy
 - Mercer would have separate high-capacity bike/ped facility on North side, connection directly to Dexter;
 - Peter: suggests another review by SBAB before construction
 - Barbara suggests returning at 60% design completion to reevaluate
- Monica DeWald, BMP Update
 - Updated bike map going to printers on Monday
 - Hope to have copy by Bike Expo
 - One more printing before Pro-Walk/Pro-Bike
 - Design will change for that printing
- Peter Lagerwey – 2008 Bike lane/Sharrow update
 - Thanks to board members who committed promotion and safety
 - Pro-Walk/Pro-Bike Conference update
 - Submission dates closed Feb 1
 - 240 proposals submitted
 - Opportunities for participation
 - Participate in all day conference on Tuesday?
 - Seattle BMP
 - All day ped safety
 - In August, SBAB approved project ranking guidelines
 - 1 year approval, ranking system will be revisited
 - 20 miles completed in 2007, 30 proposed for 2008
 - Will total 50 miles up upgrades in 450 days (possibly a US record!)
 - Further revised list of proposed projects for 2008
 - All 2007 facilities will be included on upcoming map
 - Facilities new as of July 08 will be included on second printing
 - Two kinds of projects
 - First, projects that are part of Complete Streets
 - Other, projects are targeted by project ranking guidelines
 - Some concern that projects could result in orphaned, disconnected facilities
 - Peter feels that this mostly isn't the case, but will be considered when rethinking the ranking guidelines
 - Naomi: Is it possible to apply ranking to neighborhoods/regions instead of entire city?
 - Peter: could be done. Something similar was done when evaluating sidewalks
 - Regardless, he agrees that areas of the city can't be neglected
 - Rodney: suggests paying attention to areas that have traditionally been neglected
 - Consider more than just last few years when determining areas that have been neglected
 - Ryan: is current plan final, and should we ignore the proposals from Dec/Jan?
 - Peter: Yes, this plan is the one SDOT can be held accountable for
 - This list is conservative; only additions will be made (i.e. Eventually an improvement on 2nd and 4th will happen)
 - Sean: Can list be updated to include project ranking/score?
 - Peter: yes
 - Jeff: Can we view the details/rules of the scoring system?

- Peter: details/rules were approved by SBAB in August. He will e-mail to Sean who will distribute/post
 - In summary, rules are based on increasing # of cyclists and decreasing crashes
- Naomi: Is it possible to access crash/safety data?
 - Peter: Data is available as part of BMP. Data is current as of 2006 and consists of five years
 - Bike crashes tend to occur where there is the most bicycling (i.e. along corridors) rather than at very specific intersections (as in cars)
 - Usually a result of gross operator error (bike or car)
 - Naomi: Is there data showing the efficacy of signage?
 - New studies (specifically from Davis, CA) indicate that increased number of cyclists correlate with decreased crash rates (same with peds)
 - Many fatal bike crashes occur in isolated areas where cyclists aren't expected
- Michael Snyder: BMP Crash data is based on police reports, so it doesn't represent all crashes
- Rodney: Is crash rate per cyclist or day, mile etc?
 - Most studies use mileage (which is unfair to cyclists)
- Rodney: Are "Dan Henry's"/pavement markers part of BMP
 - Peter: They are part of the signing system
- Brian D: Any large infrastructure improvement updates (i.e. Burke, BMP trails/pathways)? Could this be included in future meeting updates?
 - Peter: Agrees that a review of these large projects would be good
- John: Is there a concise map that overlays potential orphaned segments?
 - Peter: New bike map will have all of 2007 data.
 - Suggests having sit-down with interested SBAB members to analyze GIS data
 - Volunteers for "Map Subcommittee"
 - Jeff
 - John Beaulaurier

UPDATES & MILESTONES

- Evan Brown, Streetcar Correspondence
 - Streetcar Position letter was sent to Grace Crunican, Jan Drago, Mayor Nickels last week
 - Jeff mentioned Councilmember Drago's position (published in Seattle Times today) that streetcar tracks should be placed in the center lane
 - Brian Lee mentions that SPAB wrote similar letter regarding Streetcar
 - Rodney: Zurich streetcars all have doors and seating on separate sides; tracks in center lane
- Sean Ardussi, Board Retreat Update
 - Retreat was successful
 - Sean is char, Ryan is vice
 - Retreat allows us to recognize that there were many unprecedented tools at our disposal:
 - Complete Streets
 - An adopted Master Plan
 - Bridging the Gap
 - Relationship with SPAB

- Several committees were formed to address tasks
 - Outreach Committee
 - Admin Committee
 - Minutes, website, etc
 - Policy Committee

REPORTING & VOTING

- Outreach Committee
 - Ryan: Met with Brian and Deborah
 - Set goals:
 - New member recruitment
 - Upcoming Bike Expo, SDOT will have booth
 - Connect with Portland Bicycle Advisory Commission
 - Improve media relations
 - Connect better with other departments (i.e. DPD, SPD, Parks, Metro KC)
 - Ryan going to have coffee with David Graves at Parks
 - Standing monthly meeting
 - Naomi would like to join (and relinquish position as SPAB liaison)
 - Brian: **next meeting is last Wednesday February 27 (lunch meeting, downtown)**
 - Dongho will take SPAB liaison position
 - Rodney: Bike Expo is at Cruise Terminal 30
 - Sean: discussion of updating “Five Guiding Principals” on website front page
 - Ryan: On list
 - Naomi: is there any official handout/tri-fold with info about SBAB?
 - Brian L: SPAB has business cards
- Admin Committee
 - Met in January
 - John: organized ‘Files’ section of Yahoo Groups
 - Folders for Committees, Presentations, Official SBAB Letters, Bikeability Tour Reports
 - Sean: committee will address administrative needs with hopes of making itself obsolete
- Policy Committee
 - Has not met yet
 - Brian Lee is member
 - First meeting: **Wednesday, February 20, 6:00pm, Big Time Brewery (U District)**
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- Bridging the Gap Meeting
 - Jeff: Felt that SDOT staff were very forthcoming
 - The proposals were made without much rational
 - Committee members challenged SDOT staff on this and staff were responsive
 - Dongho: Committee made clear that this was a “learning year”
 - Felt that they handled first year very well
 - Mayor and Grace Crunican will present annual report on Wednesday, February 13
 - Intent: to show that levy that was passed is being spent well/appropriately, and that citizen oversight committee is confirming
 - Of \$82 million budget, only \$62 million was spent
 - No less than 18% of funding is spent on bicycle/ped safety

- Of \$62 million spent, \$1.3 million spent on this objects, resulting in failure to meet 18% mandate
 - Failed because of inability to complete Golden Gardens project
- \$48 million budge for 2008
 - \$5 million for bicycles
- Of 38 targets, 35 were met, and good explanation was provided for missed targets

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- Sean: Next month Tracie Sunday will update on Alaska Way Viaduct (“Riddle in the Middle”)
- Cascade/Kent Grasso: talking about education component of SDOT/BMP contract
 - Naomi: When does education component begin?
 - Monica: draft plan completed.
 - Kent wanted input from SBAB, but time-limit required feedback be collected from SBAB chair and vice-chair
- Monica: Talk to Eric Mameroth to volunteer at Bike Expo
 - Brian D will coordinate this

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- Adjourned at 8:05p